

4. You are not required to talk to the media. If you do, you have the responsibility to protect classified information and the security and privacy of your fellow soldiers. Do not discuss anything outside your area of expertise and do not speculate.

5. You may not discuss future plans and operations, political or foreign policy matters, operational capabilities, or give opinions on hypothetical situations. "Stay in your lane."

6. Don't say "no comment." Simply state "we don't comment on future operations," or "I'm not qualified to answer that question."

7. Never lie to the media. If you can't answer a question or don't know the answer, say so. Suggest where, or with whom the answer may be found.

8. Be brief and concise in answering questions. Use simple language, not military jargon or acronyms.

9. Think before you speak. When asked a question, stop, think, and then answer.

10. If you accidentally say something inappropriate, say so. Ask the reporter not to use your comment, and then report the incident to your commander.

11. Don't allow yourself to be badgered by the media. If necessary, politely end the interview and contact your commander or the PAO.

12. If you observe a reporter recording or viewing something classified, take immediate steps to protect the information and report the incident to your commander. Under no circumstances should you try to take notes, film or equipment from a reporter. Get the reporter's name and organization for your report.

13. Be positive in your answers. This is your opportunity to tell the public what a good job you and your unit are doing.

#### CONTINGENT ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FROM CALENDAR DAY OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1996 TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on the calendar day of Friday, February 2, 1996 (legislative day of Thursday, February 1, 1996), it stand adjourned until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 141, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I do want to, for the RECORD, indicate that the minority has been consulted on the unanimous-consent request. We understand the merits of it and the necessity of it, and we have no objections at this time.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MFUME. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, under the gentleman's reservation, I would like to just take a moment to say farewell to my good friend from Maryland, Mr. MFUME. I have enjoyed my time that I

have had the privilege of serving here, and we have worked well together, and I must say that I can say, as my grandfather said about many of his acquaintances, that the gentleman from Maryland is indeed, as my grandfather would have said, a gentleman, a scholar and a poor judge of good whiskey, and I thank you for having allowed me the privilege of being your friend in this body.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman very much for his kind remarks and for his friendship over the last decade as we have served together on a number of committees, fought a number of battles, and at the end of the day recognized that friendships really do matter and the ability to work together and compromise really is what this body is all about. I thank the gentleman for his kind remarks.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### FAREWELL ADDRESS BY KWEISI MFUME

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. MFUME] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, for those Members that are still in their offices and others who are watching, this is in fact probably the last time that I will come into the well of the House of Representatives to address this Chamber and to address the people of the United States in this capacity.

As many of you know, on the 18th of this month, I will conclude my service here in the House of Representatives, lay my resignation forward, and move from that point on on the 18th into a new capacity, that being the President and CEO of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the well with mixed emotions but I come nonetheless because this has been for me a place of partisan wrangling and a place quite frankly to make amends. This well is used by Members for a number of things, most of which is to talk about their legislation, but it also, I think, ought to be a pulpit from which we seek to bridge a better understanding of one another, from which we try to build coalitions and from which we try to understand not just the Members of this Chamber but ourselves differently and also the millions upon millions of people throughout the United States who watch on a daily basis our actions as Members of this august body.

I came here, Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, in the class of 1986. We were 51 in number and we were a part of what was known then as the historic 100th Con-

gress, a unique class, I think, in many respects, but a class nonetheless that I regret having to depart from as many others have before me.

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But those were different days, and in many respects this was a different Congress and, indeed, perhaps even this was a different Nation.

I have fond memories of the years that I have served in this capacity. I would be remiss if I did not thank the people of Baltimore City and Baltimore County that comprise the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland for vesting in me year after year both in this capacity and previously in a local capacity their trust, their goodwill to represent them here in elected office. They have been good to me over the years, returning me to office with 84 percent of the vote in a day and in an age where there is a great deal of cynicism, when totalities are considered landslides if they approach 65 percent. So in that respect, I have been blessed.

I have also been blessed in these 10 years to have an opportunity to serve with a number of distinguished Members of the House, many of whom are still here, others who have gone on to other careers, and some of whom are no longer on this Earth.

I remember the days of serving with Claude Pepper of Florida, a distinguished gentleman who had in his heart of hearts one desire and one true commitment, to try to bring about change in this body with respect to how we viewed those in the twilight of their lives. I listened to Claude Pepper from this well as others did as he continued to talk about why we needed catastrophic health care in this country and why we ought to understand the treasure chest that we have and the repository that we have in our senior citizens, why we had to have a sensitivity toward them as we must have a sensitivity toward young people.

I remember Sil Conte of Massachusetts, a Republican who understood partisan debate and partisan discourse, but, who at the end of the day, recognized that we were all the same people cut in many respects from the same cloth and given, if we were lucky, the same challenge in this institution to heal and bring us together. Sil Conte passed away many years ago also, but it is the memory of him and Claude Pepper that reverberate in this Chamber, the memory of Mickey Leland coming from Houston, TX, with the desire to represent not only those in his district but those around the country who were voiceless and, indeed, ultimately those around the world who had no voice who in the end gave his life on a mountaintop in Africa trying to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked.

So it has been an interesting 10 years. Having served as I have under three Presidents, I have developed at least a different appreciation beyond what I learned in the classroom about the relationship between the legislative branch and the executive branch of